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REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are now present in this application, with no new claims being added by the

present Preliminary Amendment. It should be noted that the amendments to original claims 6,

15, and 18 of the present application are non-narrowing amendments, made solely to place the

claims in proper form for U.S. practice and not to overcome any prior art or for any other

statutory considerations.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, an early indication of the

allowability of each of claims 1-39 is earnestly solicited. Should there be any outstanding matters

that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to

contact the undersigned.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future

replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any

additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension

of time fees.

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